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FLOWS AND THE PROTECTION OF PRIVACY, VIENNA, AUSTRIA,
SEP 20-23, 1977.

1. BELOW IS TEXT OF OFFICIAL OECD LETTER OF INVITATION
TO THE VIENNA SYMPOSIUM :

QUOTE: I AM WRITING TO INFORM YOU THAT, AS PART OF THE
1977 PROGRAM OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECH-
NOLOGICAL POLICY, A SYMPOSIUM ON TRANSBORDER DATA FLOWS
AND THE PROTECTION OF PRIVACY WILL BE HELD FROM 20TH-
23RD SEPTEMBER, 1977, IN VIENNA, AT THE INVITATION OF THE
AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

THE SYMPOSIUM IS ORGANIZED BY THE DATA BANK PANEL OF THE
WORKING PARTY ON INFORMATION, COMPUTERS AND COMMUNICA-
TIONS POLICY OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNO-
LOGICAL POLICY. FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THIS PANEL HAS BEEN
FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN NATIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION
LEGISLATION AND THEIR INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS.

THE ENCLOSED BACKGROUND PAPER SETS OUT THE PURPOSE AND
OBJECTIVES OF THE SYMPOSIUM, WHICH SHOULD SERVE AS A
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FORUM AT WHICH EXPERIENCES, PROBLEMS AND TRENDS IN THIS
FIELD WILL BE PRESENTED AND ANALYSED BY REPRESENTATIVES
FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

I AM PLEASED TO INVITE YOUR COUNTRY TO DESIGNATE PARTI-
CIPANTS TO THIS SYMPOSIUM, WHO COULD BE, AMONG OTHERS,
OPERATORS OF DATA NETWORKS, OR FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
ORGANIZATIONS, INDUSTRY, THE SERVICE SECTOR OR PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATION. THE ENCLOSED PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SUGGESTS AREAS OF APPLICATION WHICH COULD HELP IN THE NOMINATION OF DELEGATES. FOR PRACTICAL REASONS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS TO 12-14 PER COUNTRY. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A LIST OF YOUR NOMINATIONS (NAMES, TITLES AND ADDRESSES) NOT LATER THAN 1ST JUNE, 1977. A LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE DATA BANK PANEL IS ALSO ATTACHED AS YOUR GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO CONSULT ITS REPRESENTATIVE ON THAT PANEL BEFORE MAKING A FINAL CHOICE OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE SYMPOSIUM.

IN THE LIGHT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIELD, THE OPEN AND CONTINUOUS FLOW OF INFORMATION ACROSS NATIONAL FRONTIERS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA, ARE SUBJECTS OF IMMEDIATE AND GROWING IMPORTANCE TO GOVERNMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS ALIKE. I HOPE YOUR COUNTRY WILL GIVE THE SYMPOSIUM THE SUPPORT NEEDED TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. END QUOTE.

2. PROGRAM DOCUMENTS AND LIST OF DATA BANK PANEL MEMBERS AIRPOUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

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